

TENNESSEE SUPPLEMENT TO 1794A-602



This Supplement has been developed to provide applicants/engineers in Tennessee with names and addresses of Federal and State agencies to contact for information to be included in environmental reports for Water and Waste projects to be financed through RUS.

The Environmental Report and the Preliminary Engineering Report should be prepared at the same time and submitted simultaneously. RD expects the applicant, the borrower, and/or the lender to consider the potential environmental impacts and alternatives of their requests at the earliest planning stages and to develop proposals that avoid or minimize potential adverse impacts on the environment. In the case of guaranteed loans, the lender is expected to assist the borrower in considering the environmental impacts.

The applicant should be aware that during the period of application review and processing, the applicant will take no action or incur any obligation with respect to their proposed undertaking which would have any impact on the environment or limit the range of environmental alternatives for the project.

The completion of the environmental review must occur prior to the issuance of the letter of conditions.

RD will advise applicants as to the environmental soundness of their proposed project early in the planning process to facilitate the analysis of alternatives when necessary. Technical assistance can be obtained from the following:

1. Historical and Archaeological Sites:

Tennessee's State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) must be contacted on all environmental assessments except those, which have been categorically excluded. The address, phone number and web site are listed below:

Contact Person: Joseph Y. Garrison
 Review and Compliance Coordinator
 Tennessee Historical Commission 2941 Lebanon Road
 Nashville, TN 37243-0442
 (615)532-1550 Phone
 (615)532-1549
<http://www.cr.nps.gov/history/nhl/nhlpgm.html> (Landmarks)
<http://www.nr.nps.gov> (Sites)

2. Wild and Scenic Rivers:

The Nationwide Rivers Inventory list must be checked to determine if the property is adjacent to, contains, will discharge, or withdraw water from one of the rivers or creeks listed. The U.S. Forest Service must be contacted if a project is near an inventory river in one of the National forests. The National Park Service must be contacted in other areas.

Use the addresses shown below:

U.S. Forest Service Cherokee National Forest P.O. Box 2010 Cleveland, TN 37320	National Park Service Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance 424 Georgia Avenue Suite 2B Chattanooga, TN 37403 (423) 266-1150
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State of Tennessee
 Department of Environment and Conservation
 Division of Natural Areas
 8th Floor, L&C Tower
 401 Church Street
 Nashville, TN 37243-0447
 615-532-0431

3. Important Farmland:

The location of important farmland must be identified in the project area for all projects. Form AD-1006 is available at the local NRCS office. Questions relative to important farmland and Form AD - 1006 should be directed to the appropriate Resource Soil Scientist listed below:

East Tennessee Mr. Rick Livingston 9737 Cogdill Road; Suite 152C Knoxville, TN 37932 865-671-3830 x. 112	Middle Tennessee Mr. Jerry Prater 751 Millers Point Rd. Sparta, TN 38583 931-738-7822	West Tennessee Mr. Charlie Davis 235 Oil Well Rd. Jackson, TN 38305 901-668-0700
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4. Prime Forest Land:

The Cherokee National Forest is only national forest in Tennessee. If the project is located within the boundary of the Cherokee, contact the U.S. Forest Service at the following addresses:

USDA - Forest Service
Cherokee District
2800 N. Ocoee Street, N.W.
P.O. Box 2010
Cleveland, TN 37320
423-476-9700

If a Ranger District is closer to your planned project, they may be contacted at:

Ocoee / Hiwassee Ranger District
3171 Highway 64
Benton, TN 37370
(423) 338-3300

Nolichucky / Unaka Ranger District
4900 Asheville HWY SR70
Greeneville, TN 37743
(423) 638-4109

Tellico / Hiwassee Ranger District
250 Ranger Station Road
Tellico Plains, TN 37385
(423) 253-8400

Watauga Ranger District
4400 Unicoi Drive
Unicoi, TN 37692
(423) 735-1500

5. Wetlands:

The location of wetlands in the project area must be identified and protected. Tennessee has been mapped by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and is identified in the National Wetlands Inventory (NWI). Wetlands map reviews may be requested from:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
P.O. Box 845
446 Neal Street
Cookeville, TN 38501
931-528-6481

Copies of wetland maps may be obtained from:

U. S. Geological Survey - ESIC
507 National Center
Reston, VA 22092
1-800-872-6277

The hydric soils within the project area will be identified from lists maintained by the local NRCS office.

If construction will occur in a wetland area, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) must be contacted to determine the need for a 404 permit. A 404 permit is an absolute must when fill activities occur in a wetland. The address for COE is:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Branch P.O. Box 1070 Nashville, TN 37202 615-736-5181	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers Regulatory Branch Clifford Davis Building Room B-202 Memphis, TN 38103 Phone: 901-544-3471
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Linear type projects may be covered by Nationwide Permit #12.

Permit information may be obtained from the Corp's District Offices or at:

<http://www.usace.army.mil/cw/cecwo/reg/district.htm>

6. Floodplains:

The location of floodplain areas must be identified and protected. FEMA Firmette maps may be obtained at

<http://msc.fema.gov/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/CategoryDisplay?catalogId=10001&storeId=10001&categoryId=12001&langId=-1&userType=G&type=1&dfirmCatId=12009>

For areas where there are no flood maps available, contact the Local County Planning Commission, Public Works Department, County Engineer or Planning and Zoning Office.

A list of communities participating in the National Floodplain Insurance Program can be obtained at <http://www.fema.gov/fema/csb.shtm>

7. Endangered Species and Critical Habitat:

Endangered, threatened, and status review species are located throughout Tennessee. To determine if one of these species is listed in the county of the project, see www.fws.gov. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) must be contacted for comments at:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
P.O. Box 845
446 Neal Street
Cookeville, TN 38501
931-528-6481

The Tennessee Division of Natural Areas may be contacted for State-listed species at:

State of Tennessee
Department of Environment and Conservation
Division of Natural Areas
8th Floor, L&C Tower
401 Church Street
Nashville, TN 37243-0447
615-532-0431

8. Air and Water Quality:

For projects, which might affect air or water quality, the following departments shall be contacted for comments:

Air:

Tennessee Division of Air Pollution Control
L&C Annex
401 Church St. 9th Floor
Nashville, TN 37243-1531
615-532-0554

Water:

Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation
Division of Water Pollution Control
L&C Tower, 6th Floor
401 Church St.
Nashville, TN 37243-1534
615-532-0625

9. Natural Landmarks:

If a proposed project is located near one of the properties listed on the National Registry of Natural Landmarks, see www.cr.nps.gov/history/nhl/nhlpgm.htm , or contact:

Natural Landmarks Coordinator National Park Service (NPS) 100 Alabama St. 1924 Building Atlanta, GA 30303 404-562-3123	Tennessee Historical Commission 2941 Lebanon Road Nashville, TN 37243-0442 615-532-1550
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Information on state listed landmarks and/or natural areas can be obtained at the following address:

State of Tennessee
Department of Environment and Conservation
Division of Natural Areas
8th Floor, L&C Tower
401 Church Street
Nashville, TN 37243-0447
615-532-0431

10. Wilderness Areas:

There are 11 areas totaling approximately 67,000 acres of land designated as wilderness in Tennessee. All of these designated areas are in the boundaries of the Cherokee National Forest. If a project is located near or within the boundary of a designated wilderness area, contact the U. S. Forest Service at

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11. Underground Storage Tanks (USTs) on Property:

Information must be provided regarding the evidence or presence of USTs. If any are located or identified on the project site, contact the Department of Environment and Conservation's Division of Underground Storage Tanks at:

State of Tennessee
Department of Environment and Conservation
Division of Underground Storage Tanks
4th Floor, L&C Tower
401 Church Street
Nashville, TN 37243-0447
615-532-0945

12. Hazardous Substances :

State of Tennessee
Department of Environment and Conservation
Division of Solid and Hazardous Wastes
5th Floor, L&C Tower
401 Church Street
Nashville, TN 37243-0447
615-532-0780

13. Public and Private Notification Requirements:

See RUS Bulletin 1794A-602 for notification requirements and sample public notices.



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